1. Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.
2. ,, T. K. Velu Pillai.
3. ,, Jayantan Namputiripad.
4. ,, P. C. Narayana Bhatatiri.
5. ,, K. C. Abraham.
6. ,, John Joseph.
7. ,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.
8. ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai.
9. ,, K. Sankaran.
10. ,, S. J. Nair.
11. ,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar

to report within four months.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Does the House agree ?

The House accepted the proposal.

THE TRAVANCORE REGISTRATION REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I beg to introduce a Bill to amend the Travancore Registration Regulation. The Bill has been published in the Gazette with a Statement of Objects and Reasons. I beg to move that the Bill be read in Council.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) I shall now proceed briefly to explain the principles of this Bill. There is now in our law, unlike the corresponding British Indian Act, a provision that titles acquired in respect of immovable properties by court transactions should be registered in registry offices. The provision is in section 115. This provision serves a very useful purpose in that it provides a complete record of all the transcations regaring immovable properties registered in registry offices It may be noticed, however, that this section does not make any provision for the registration of attachment of immovable properties An immovable property that is sold through a court will be registered. If a property is attached it is not registered. That is how it stands now. If a person wants to find out whether a property is attached or not he has now no means of getting that information. It is a very useful information that should be available to everybody. This fact came to the notice of the Laws Delays Commissioner and he suggested that some such provision as in the Bill may be made in the Registration Regulation. Recently, the Land Mortgage Bank also found the difficulty, because they lend out moneys very largely on the security of immovable properties. And they have no means of finding whether a property is under attachment or not. This matter was referred to the High Court and the High Court agreed to the proposal that the Regulation may be amended. It may perhaps interest the House to know that in a case reported in Volume XX of the Law journal the High Court adverted to this fact. The proposed amendment proposes

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[Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.]

to add to section 15 a clause to the effect that the attachment of properties should be registered in sub-registry offices. There is no corresponding provision in the British Indian Act. The language of the amendment may be examined by a Committee, which I propose to move, if the principle is accepted.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): In fact the absence in the Regulation of a provision to enable attached properties also to be registered causes considerable complications in dealing with lands. It would be very much safer for all persons who deal with lands that such records should be kept in the sub-registry offices.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know from the member in which book the entry is to be entered in the registry office?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): In Book I.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the member is aware that there is another book also?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Yes. There is another book also. In this connection I would mention another fact which ought to be taken into consideration. That is, the attachment creates only a lien upon the property.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know from the member whether attachment is a charge upon property?

MR. R SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Whether it is a charge or not it would be safe for the man who deals with the land if the fact of attachment is registered. All the transactions subsequent to the attachment should also be registered.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) May I know whether there are registry books which are not open to any person?

MR. R SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): Yes, there are.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House agree to adopt the principle of the Bill?

The Principle of the Bill was accepted by the House.

The Secretary read the title of the Bill.

MR KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:

1. Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai,
2. ,, P. K. Narayana Pillai.
3. ,, R. Raman Pillai.
4. ,, M. N. Nair.
5. ,, Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai.
6. ,, Antony George.
7. ,, T. K. Alexander.
8. ,, K. M. Krishnan.
9. ,, K. A. Narayana Pillai and myself, to report within 4 months.

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

The motion was carried.

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to provide for the administration of the Trivandrum Municipality. The Bill was published in the Government Gazette with a Statement of Objects and reasons.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, this is a very important Bill. But, at the same time, I do not think it at all necessary to make a long speech. Nor do I think that the time would permit me to do so. Although the existing Regulation governing the Municipalities was passed 15 years ago as Regulation V of 1095, it was soon noticed that many of the provisions required improvement. And there have been representations from various quarters and on various occasions for the amendment of the law in various particulars. For instance, representations were made in the late Popular Assembly and in the municipal conferences that have been held from time to time. There were representations from the Municipal Councils for the amendment of the Regulation. The general trend of all these requests was that the law in Travancore should be brought on a line with the law that obtains in the Madras Presidency. As in the Madras Presidency, there is a special enactment for the Metropolis so in Travancore also it is proposed to have a special enactment for the city of Trivandrum. This Bill is drawn generally on the lines of the Madras City Municipal Act. The chief change introduced in this measure is stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons. For instance, it is proposed to remove the sex disqualification.

Such disqualification remains a blot in our municipal law and has of course to be removed. Again, there has been a long standing cry from the Trivandrum City Municipality that their President should be a purely non-official one. For that also provision is made in this Bill. A discussion of the Bill by a Committee consisting of members of both the Houses would be very useful and I propose to move for a Joint Committee.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: After the principle of the Bill is affirmed, we shall consider it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, I say it is none too early that the Law Member brings forward a Bill of this kind. The Trivandrum Town has grown to be a city by the last 15 years and a change in the law governing the Municipality of the Town has become almost absolutely necessary. But considering the time at my disposal, I must restrict my observations to a few points which I wish

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